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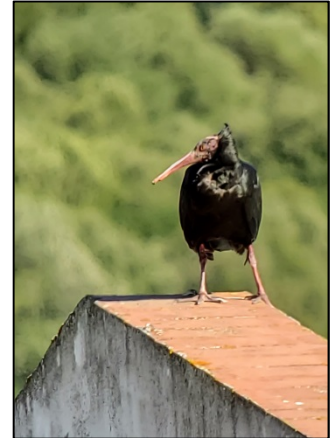
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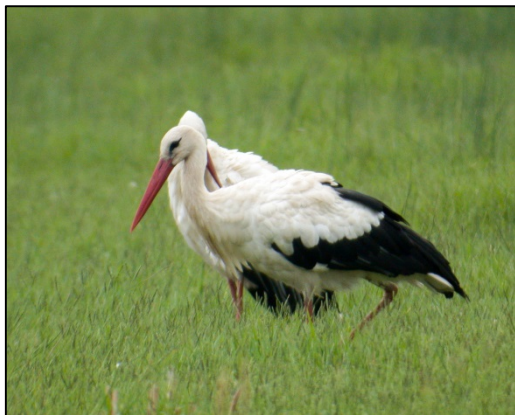
Thursday, Sept 2: Ayre Hotel, Sevilla to Laguna de Medina Natural Park, to Vejer de la Frontera and the Convento de San Francisco Hotel

After gathering at the Ayre Hotel, we loaded the vans and departed for Laguna de Medina. Frank stayed to watch the vans while the group walked to the lake. Unfortunately, due to the severe drought, the lake was dry; a first. However, the group saw an endemic Spanish Eagle from the overlook as it circled above the valley. While Frank waited, a pair of Sardinian Warblers got into a territorial dispute in the parking lot. They were circling the area carrying on when the group returned. Everyone had excellent views as they perched along the fence row near the road. Their red eye-ringing really stands out against their black hoods.



We then headed south towards Vejer de la Frontera with hopes of finding rare **Northern Bald Ibis**. A small population is established near Vejer.

Before reaching town, Gina spotted a dark bird with a red bill on the roof of an industrial building. To our amazement, it was a young untagged Bald Ibis. It allowed us killer views while it preened on the rooftop before it flew down into a nearby field.



Our final destination was the bird-rich La Janda, a large farming area, once a wetland, with expansive plowed farm fields and flooded rice fields. We were greeted by flocks of Corn Buntings, European Goldfinches, and Linnets, and mixed groups of Spanish and House Sparrows actively feeding in weeds along the roadside. The rice impoundments yielded a variety of herons, egrets, and **White Storks**, of which there were many. Towards sunset, we watched dozens of these lovely birds take flight and circle over the rice fields, before continuing south on their migration. Our first Lesser Kestrel put in an appearance and we were treated to stunning views of European Bee-eaters hunting from roadside

powerlines, while flocks of migrants passed over us.

Lucky finds here included views of a Bonelli's Eagle, an uncommon species, circling over the hills, and three hunting Montague's Harriers, including a rare dark morph – mostly black with some pale in the wing. A cooperative young Woodchat Shrike perched in the weeds near us, and a Purple Heron tried to hide in a tree beside a roadside channel.

Several large flocks of Glossy Ibis and Spotless Starlings lifted off heading to roost as we drove back towards the historic, white hilltop village of Viejo de la Frontera, famous for its Arab-Andalusian architecture, where we stayed at the renovated **Convento de San Francisco**.



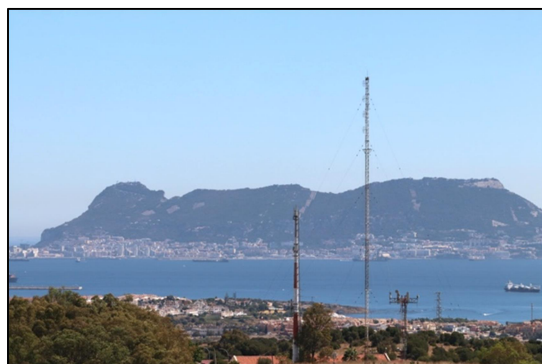
Friday, Sept 3: Hawk-watch sites for Raptors in the a.m., La Janda in the afternoon.

On an early morning walk, we enjoyed views of the town and of a pair perched Wood Pigeons and Eurasian Collared Doves, and watched House Martins leaving their roosts in the village rooves at dawn before returning for breakfast at the hotel.

Our first stop of the day was at the CIMA, Trafico viewpoint overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar, which sits at one of the narrowest crossing points to Morocco. Swirling flocks of noisy European Bee-eaters passed close overhead, and we watched five enormous Black Kites gain altitude before setting off for Morocco. They were followed by Marsh and Montagu's Harriers and our first Sparrow Hawk. Tawny Pipits flitted around the hillside below us near a flock of European Goldfinches feeding in the weeds. Over the waters, we spied Sandwich Terns, Audouin's Gulls, Northern Gannets, and a Scopoli's Shearwater.



At our next stop, the lushly forested Huerta Grande, we enjoyed a coffee while watching thousands of **European Honey-buzzards** pass in waves overhead. It was a true spectacle! They were joined by Booted Eagles, a rare African Rüppell's Vulture, hundreds of **White Storks**, our first migrating Black Stork, and one of the local hybrid "Gibraltar Buzzards" (Common x Long-winged). The trees by the garden were loaded with birds! We saw Eurasian Blackcaps, Great and Blue Tits, Firecrests, and a Nuthatch, while European Robins and Wrens sang in the background. We also met an old friend from the States, Alvaro Jamarillo, and Steve's friend, Simon Tonkin.



We next drove east to see **Gibraltar**, and then stopped at the famous Algarroba Hawk Watch perched on the hill overlooking the Straights, where we were met a lot of nice folks and saw our only Common Swifts.

Lunch was at the wonderful Cazalla Overlook and visitor's center which has extensive information on hawks and their migration.

After lunch, we returned to La Janda to continue exploring. We found two lovely Eurasian Turtle Doves perched in a roadside tree for all to admire. A beautiful European Roller was seen atop a tower and on the wires along our route. We picked up both kestrel species, Black-crowned Night Herons, Common Snipe, Yellow Wagtails, and European Spoonbills. We watched Black-winged Kites hunting, and saw lots of European Bee-eaters, and a beautiful perched Common Buzzard. Our stop at a nearby forest produced incredible views of two roosting **Red-necked Nightjars** to top off our wonderful day.



Saturday, Sept 4: Vejer de la Frontera to Zalemea de la Serena vía the Doñana

Our first stop as we headed towards the Doñana was at incredible roadside salt pans where we found a feeding Black Stork, our first Slender-billed

gulls, Curlew Sandpipers, Black-tailed Godwits, Kentish, and Common Ringed Plovers. We also had wonderful looks at Sandwich Terns and a pastel of Flamingos.

Once in the Doñana, stops at a couple of lakes produced crippling views of 5 White-headed ducks, 3 males, 2 females, very close; the best looks I've ever had. We found a Little Bittern feeding in the reeds near several Swamp Hens, a close Ruff, lots of little Ringed Plovers, a few Common Teal and Common Pochards, and many little grebes. We also found 4 endangered Marbled Teals!

A visit to local saltpans produced views of an incredible array of shorebirds, including a Red Knot (uncommon), both redshanks, Common Greenshank, and close views of Curlew Sandpipers feeding alongside Dunlin and **Common Ringed Plover**. The surprise of the saltpans was a Red-necked Phalarope, found by Steve; it was a new species for our trips.



Sunday, Sept 5: Extremadura - Serena Steppes

A great morning of Steppe birding began at 5:45 a.m. to reach Serena Steppes before dawn. We went 4 for 5 on targets, with close looks at 3 (out of 60!) Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, and two of the increasingly rare Little Bustards (missed last trip), wending their way through the tall grass between the farm fields. 8 Black-bellied Sandgrouse and 3 Stone Curlews were seen in flight. Scores of Sand Martins and Barns Swallows were migrating through the Steppes all morning. We enjoyed great views of Iberian Shrike, a Hoopoe on post, and of **2 Little Owls** guarding their rock pile palace.



We took a mid-day break (it can get hot in the Steppes mid-day) before heading to the Tiros Mountains where we watched hundreds of roosting Griffin Vultures get bombarded by a Golden Eagle who then flushed 250 Red-billed Coughs (red legs). Nearby, we spotted a pair of Bonelli's Eagles accompanied by a youngster, Alpine Swifts, Crag Martin's, and House Martins and a distant Blue Rock Thrush.

We finished the day at the town of Benquerencia da la Serena. A Black Wheatear and a pair of **Blue Rock Thrush** put on quite a show on the town's cliff face, while 30 Alpine Swifts, House and Crag Martin's and a soaring Short-toed Eagle flew above us. Frank and Cristian did some fancy driving to back us out of town.

Monday, Sept 6: Zalamea de la Serena to Companaro Plains to Campo Lugar Rice Fields en-route to Monfragüe National Park via Alcallarin Reservoir and Belen Plains, Extremadura

After breakfast, we packed the vans and left for the Companaro Plains with hopes of finding the last of our local Steppe targets, Great Bustard. Once a fairly common species, there numbers have plummeted in recent years. Only two were seen on our previous trip. To our delight, an incredible flock of 24 were

spotted walking through farm fields. We had leisurely views from an adjacent hilltop alongside a lovely covey of Red-legged Partridges that paraded along the roadway. Campo Lugar Rice fields, our next stop, garnered views of the diminutive and aptly named Red Avadavat. We were also able to ogle our first Long-tailed Tits and Tree Sparrows cavorting with Great and Blue Tits in a dead tree. **White Storks** were still in a village where we stopped for coffee.



At the enormous and picturesque Alcallarin Reservoir, we were treated to views of staggering numbers of staging grebes; 870 Great Crested Grebes, and 840 little grebes were counted, the most any of us had ever seen in one place. Amid the thousands of Mallards was a female Pintail (uncommon), 80 Graylag Geese, 70 Egyptian Geese, a few Northern Shovelers and Common Teal. Along the shoreline were 7 Black Stork, a young Little Stint, Ruff, Common Ringed and Little Ringed Plovers, and 5 Common Snipe. Iberian Magpies were also conspicuous. There were also a few interesting dragonflies and Damselflies on the reservoir shore, Banded

Groundling, and a rare Bar-winged dragonfly, and Iberian Bluets. We ate lunch at a picnic area at a pond above the reservoir where a cooperative Cetti's Warbler entertained the group.

We then made a brief stop for a memorable sneak peek at the back of Castle de Trujillo, before heading onto the Belen Plains, where an unexpected and cooperative Wryneck perched openly in a Spanish broom; this is generally a reclusive species. Three young male Lesser Kestrels and a few Gray Shrikes seemed to follow us along the road, perching on fences along the way. **Willow Warblers** were prevalent in the Spanish Broom. Both a beautiful male Montagu's and Marsh Harrier were seen perched in the fields.



Our final stop, the Portilla del Tiétar cliffs overlook at Monfragüe, gave us a chance to study enormous Cinereous (Black) Vultures circling with hordes of smaller Griffin Vultures. A Blue Rock Thrush sat out for us, and circling over were Red-rumped Swallows, many House and Crag Martin's, and a few Booted Eagles, including one dark cinnamon youngster. Back at Hotel Rutel, we met for drinks, did the list, then had a nice dinner.



Tuesday, Sept 7: Parque Nacional de Monfragüe – Portilla del Tiétar, Fuente de los Tres Caños, Salto del Gitano overlook, Castillo de Monfragüe

After a lovely outdoor breakfast, we walked down to the overlook through pastures lined with cork oaks. The oaks are often birdy, and we were rewarded with views of Melodious Warbler, 2 Short-toed Treecreepers, Sardinian Warblers, Great and Blue Tits, Nuthatches, and many Chaffinch. At the overlook we had superb looks at Griffin Vultures, Blue Rock Thrushes, and both Golden and Bonelli's Eagles. A striking Rock Bunting also put on quite a display feeding in the open above us.

We lunched at Fuente de los Tres Caños and were treated to the antics of bathing Chaffinch and Blue Tits at the fountain. After watching playful Griffon vultures at Salto Gitano Overlook, we proceeded to **Monfragüe Castle** which offers spectacular views of the Tiétar River and oak forests of Extremadura. Those who made the hike to the top were rewarded with close looks at four Egyptian Vultures, both young and adult, and an adult Peregrine soaring and calling high overhead. We finished the day at the Orchid Park at el Sierro where we met a rather friendly donkey.



Wednesday, Sept 8: Monfragüe to the Belchite Steppes and Lécera

After another nice outdoor breakfast at Hotel Rutel, we drove to the Portilla del Tiétar overlook with hopes for views of Spanish Eagle. We arrived to find a young **Cinereous (Black) Vulture** perched on the cliffs beside a **Griffin Vulture**.

After playing hide-and-seek with an active Subalpine Warbler for 20 minutes, it finally jumped into the open and stayed visible, just as Gina yelled “Spanish Eagle”! It came over the hill giving us all fantastic views, soared around, and then drifted towards our hotel. An adult Egyptian Vulture followed along with 4 Eurasian Turtle Doves.

After a quick stop back at the hotel, where two Great Spotted Woodpeckers put on a show in the oaks beside the





hotel and on their old tobacco building, we transferred to la Serena. Lunch was at a little cafeteria outside Madrid. We reached the **Belchite ruins** in the late afternoon where we saw our first Serins on the fence surrounding the ruins and heard Green Finches in the pines. Belchite remains as a sad and vivid reminder of the Spanish Civil War. After checking into our hotel, the amazing Hotel Rural Rincón del Cierzo, we met for drinks and to do the list, before enjoying some of the best food on the tour. The hotel, restaurant, and adjacent gas station are all run by one family. Everyone chips in. The grandmother does the cooking, and the food is incredible. I still think about the chicken with wild mushrooms I ate that night. Alex gifted Grandmother with one of her famous origami cubes and a person made from a dollar bill. Both were warmly received.

Thursday, Sept 9: Belchite Plains and the reclusive Dupont's Lark

We left early to be in the Belchite Plains before first light for a chance to see Dupont's Lark, a very rare, localized, and reclusive species. Driving into the reserve, we flushed a Common Quail off the road. As the skies lightened to the east, we experienced the



wiry serenade of as many as seven Dupont's Larks accompanied by the mournful notes of Stone Curlews, and the distant calls of Pin-tailed Sandgrouse. Hopeful, we waited in silence until finally, a Dupont's Lark teed up on a bush and sang in the open, before it dropped and ran closer. We spotted it three times, and everyone had views of this elusive lark. To celebrate, we enjoyed coffee and pastries at the roadside while watching Lesser Short-toed Larks and Calandra Larks in the scopes.

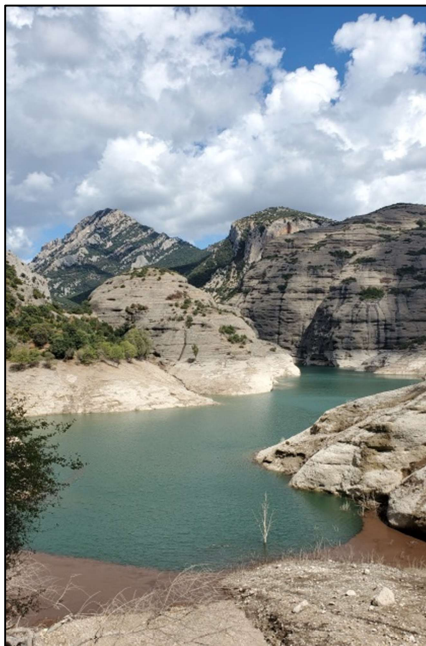


We returned to Hotel Rincón for an amazing breakfast which included a variety of delicious locally produced sausages. On our drive back, we had fantastic views of 22 Stone Curlews in roadside fields. After breakfast, we drove to the steppes by a nearby Chalk factory. Between our wanderings at the Dupont's Lark preserve and the chalk factory area, we had wonderful looks at all four of the local lark species, Northern Wheatear, Tawny Pipit, and an incredible **185** Pin-tailed Sandgrouse, among slew of other species.

After lunch and a mid-afternoon siesta, we headed back out in search of Spectacled Warbler on a hillside near Belchite. On our way, we spied a beautiful Golden Eagle along the road, and found Rock Petronia, with Eurasian Goldfinches and Linnets, in trees surrounding a watering hole. The big afternoon surprise was a beautiful adult Goshawk that scattered all the birds at the watering hole.



We celebrated our wonderful time in Lécera with another amazing diner at Hotel Rural Rincón; we sampled their freshly harvested and roasted **marcona almonds**, and joined the entire family for aperitifs of homemade liquor! Wow! What an incredible experience.



Friday, Sept 10: Hotel Rural Rincón del Cierzo to the Pyrenees and Hotel Restaurante Castillo D'Acher in La Siresa.

After another memorable breakfast at Hotel Rincón, we left Lécera and began our transfer to the Pyrenees. We made one final visit to the Belchite Steppes, where we found an enormous flock of 150 Pin-tailed Sandgrouse feeding in a farm field. These are the largest numbers of these beautiful sandgrouse we've ever run across. There was also a flock of 42 Stone Curlews in a nearby field.

Next, we headed to the lovely Vadiello Valley in search of Lammergeiers and enjoyed a picnic lunch overlooking towering cliffs beside the **Vadiello Reservoir**. On our return trip down the valley, we spotted a wild boar sleeping in a cave, and a migrating Hobby fly over the cars.

Our next stop was at the picturesque old monastery of San Juan de la Peña built into the hillside of a rugged steep valley not far from Jaca.

We explored the grounds of the new Monastery where we encountered mixed flocks of Blue and Great Tits, had nice views of Nuthatch, heard a Red-billed Liiothrix, and met a brave young European Robin that hopped around our feet.

We then continued to the Echo Valley where we spied our first Carrion Crows and our first Red Kites of the trip, then settled in at Hotel Restaurante Castillo D'Archer in La Siresa, our home for the next three nights. After doing the list and enjoying a lovely dinner (the food here is excellent), we headed to bed to prepare for our first big day in the Pyrenees.

Saturday, Sept 11: Gabardito and Echo Valleys



After breakfast, we drove slowly up the Gabardito Valley to the parking area overlooking an alpine meadow and youth hostel. Upon our arrival, three Citril Finches, one of our main targets, teed up in the top of a rosebush for all to enjoy. We had stellar looks at them again as we were leaving. Our wanderings in the valley produced brief views of three distant Lammergeiers soaring with a mixed flock of Red-billed and Yellow-billed Choughs and Alpine Swifts. Those

who ventured farther afield were lucky enough to see our first Wallcreeper! Others exploring the road and clearing oged a pair of singing **Wrens**, saw several Pied Flycatchers, Common Redstarts, Coal, Great, and Blue Tits, a cooperative Short-toed Treecreeper, spunky European Robins, and flocks of Chaffinches. After a wonderful morning of birding, we all enjoyed a coffee at the hostel, before heading to the Echo Valley proper.



It was a beautiful day, so there were many people at our traditional Dipper spots, so we decided to stop at Boca del Infierno, a place where Wallcreepers used to nest, to look for them and Dipper along the stream. As we were about to leave, Gina spotted a **Wallcreeper** on the cliff face opposite our car at just below eye level. Incredibly, it sat and preened itself for 20 minutes as we took lots of videos and photographs. It was amazing!

We continued to a Sierra de Oza picnic area along the river, had lunch, and scanned the hillsides for Lammergeiers and raptors. On the way, we watched a helicopter land in a clearing beside the river as part of a rescue exercise. After lunch, we continued to an area with lovely butterflies and where Alpine Marmots were calling from the hillsides and enjoyed views of many Yellowhammers, and a few Water Pipits. Our best find was Marsh Tits, a rather uncommon species, feeding in a roadside copse of trees. The many cows wandering the alpine meadows filled the valley with the sounds of their bells.

After an incredible day of birding in the spectacular Pyrenees, we returned to the hotel D'Archer to our list and for another wonderful dinner.

Sunday, Sept 12: Hotel Castillo D'Archer to La Pierre de St. Martin in France



Black Redstarts were singing on the village rooftops during our early morning walk to the edge of **town**. After breakfast, we went in search of high alpine species with the hopes of securing memorable looks at Lammergeiers and both choughs. Our route took us first through the Anso Valley where we were entertained by watching White Wagtails working the sheep and by Blackcaps feeding with mixed flocks of warblers and tits at the roadside observation area where Frank spotted a Lammergeier low over the cliffs. (He may have yelled Lammergeier!) It eventually landed on the cliff face and sat for all to enjoy in the scope. We continued on to Zuriza then up the Roncal valley to the quaint sky-town, la Pierre de San Martan, in France, in search of Alpine accentor and choughs. Both Cough species gave stellar performances, circling around us calling, and then landing on the hillsides, and we were treated to nice views of Serins and Citril Finches at our lunch stop overlooking the valley. Frank spotted a distant Dunnock, but the accentor eluded us. The star

of the trip was a Lammergeier that soared majestically over the valley below us. It grabbed a bone and then dropped beyond one of the closer hills before disappearing. What an amazing experience in a beautiful place!



On our trip down the valley, we stopped at a roost site for **Yellow-billed Coughs** and watched them cavorting on the hillsides near it. Back near Zuriza, we found and watched two dippers and a slew of Gray Wagtails feeding in the river. It was a nice end to a memorable day.

Sunday, Sept 13: Transfer from the Pyrenees to the Ebro Delta with stops along the way.

Transfer day from Pyrenees to the Ebro via where we had brief looks at both of our targets, Green and Black Woodpeckers, and fantastic views of a **Eurasian Jay**! The monastery valley is home to several pairs of magnificent Black Woodpeckers, of which one treated us to a drumming and calling display before flying across the valley for a lucky few to see.



A stop at the picturesque

Loarre Castle for warblers netted us Sardinian, Subalpine, Dartford, and Whitethroat. We then descended to the little town of Loporzono for a quick rest stop at the **Boletas Birdwatching Center**, and to pay our respects to an old friend and tour guide, Josele Saiz and his wife Esther, owners of the center.



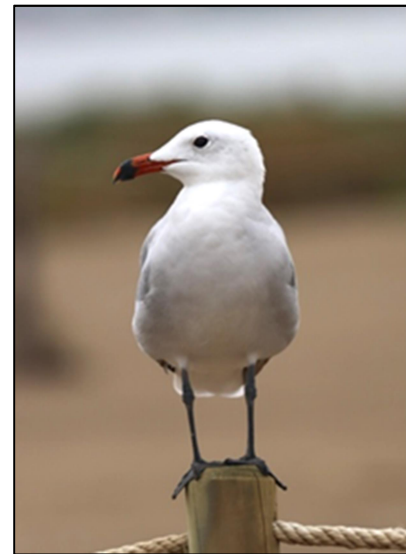
We then continued on to the **Ebro** in time to settle in before dinner. (The Ebro welcoming party.)

Monday, Sept 14: The Ebro!

We started the day with productive roadside birding in the **rice fields**, before stopping at the Dasca turf farm, where we found a beautiful juvenile Collared Pratincole, and our first two Temminck's Stints, a rather uncommon shorebird here. At a nearby observation tower, we were lucky to spot both a female White-headed duck and a Ferruginous Duck, both endangered, and especially rare in the Ebro! Common Shellducks, Whiskered Terns, Gadwall, both Red-crested and Common Pochards, Black-tailed Godwits, Greater Flamingos, **Squacco Herons**, **Little Egrets**, and a zillion **glossy ibis**.



After a rest stop in town, we searched a beachside park for owls and had terrific views of Tree Pipits.



We spent the rest of the morning at the Playa del Trabucador and Salt Pans and found our targets, **Mediterranean**, **Audouin's**, and Slender-billed Gulls, and regionally rare Oystercatcher, Shag, and a Merlin. We had wonderful views of along the roadside of several Greenshanks and Spotted Redshanks, before heading to incredibly productive shorebird pools.

Then incredible **shorebird pools**, where Steve spotted a Marsh Sandpiper (uncommon), and we found 4 Pectoral Sandpipers (rare vagrants), and an amazing **8 Temminck's Stints**, along with 3 Gull-billed Terns, and saw huge numbers of migrating Barn Swallows.



Tuesday, Sept 15: The Ebro

After breakfast, we drove to the Bay of Fangar on the north side of the Ebro, for better looks at magnificent Crested Pochards. We were treated to close views of a large flock just offshore from a mussel farm which also gave us the opportunity to view their operations.

We decided to take a long shot and head to the Santa Barbara Mountains just north of the Ebro to check a Eurasian Eagle Owl roost. Sadly, the owls weren't in residence, but we did see some nice raptors and enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch before returning to the Ebro.

After lunch, we went back to the incredible shorebird pools at Patrau Fields, and had wonderful views of



Collared Pratincoles and of the many shorebirds and waders. The day's highlight was visiting the local **Barn Swallow and Yellow Wagtail Roosts**. It's hard to imagine what a million or more birds looks like – it was truly awesome and inspiring to see such life. (Yes, that's a cloud of barn swallows in the photo.) Not only did we see hundreds of thousands of swallows, but an estimated 3000 Yellow Wagtails coming to roost in the reeds. Flying by at

sunset we estimated seeing 15,000 Glossy Ibis, 1000s of Greater Flamingos, 500 Little Egrets, 500 Gray Herons, more than 100 Squacco Herons (our high day-time count was 12), and countless other species passing by us.

Just to add a cherry on top of this incredible spectacle of nature, we were blessed with nice looks at one of the few Reed Buntings in the region, as well as several Eurasian Penduline Tits, including a beautiful male that teed up in the reeds for everyone to enjoy! After a stunning evening, we returned for a special meal at our hotel!



Wednesday, Sept 16:

The Ebro to Barcelona International Airport

Today, after securing Covid tests and having a lovely breakfast, we headed to Barcelona and our flights home. It was a wonderful experience to be back in Spain enjoying the birding, culture, and cuisine with such a wonderful group. I can't wait to get back next fall for our next Migration Spectacular tour.



Frank Gallo



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Grand Spain Species List

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Local Guide: Cristian M. Jensen

Sunrise Birding Leader: Frank Gallo

Key: B = Number of days out of 15 recorded;

C = Highest daily count; X = No Count

Total: 219 species seen; Plus 3 heard-only (H); plus 3 leader-only (L)

Species order and names follow Clements (names/order may vary with other taxonomies)

Species Name	Scientific Name	B	C	Notes
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	2	80	
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	1	70	Campo Lugar Reservoir edge
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	3	15	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	4	450	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	3	35	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	8	500	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1	1	Female on Campo Lugar Res
Common (Green-winged) Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	4	20	Doñana Pond
Marbled Teal*	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	1	4	Shorebird pools in Ebro
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	2	34	
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	3	80	
Ferruginous Duck*	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	1	3	
White-headed Duck*	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	2	8	1f in Ebro!
Common Quail*	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	3	5	Brief looks
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	4	10	Grt looks on rd
Ring-necked Pheasant (I)	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	1	3	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	3	1100+	Ebro!
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	5	870	Counted!
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	5	840	Counted in same Reservoir
Eared Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	1	3	Doñana
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	13	200	
Common Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	10	320	
European Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	3	8	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	13	50	
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse*	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>	3	185	Incredible #s!!
Black-bellied Sandgrouse*	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	1	8	Fortunate!
Great Bustard*	<i>Otis tarda</i>	1	24	Incredible!!
Little Bustard*	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	1	2	Getting Rare
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	2	1	Crossed rd at Blind
Red-necked Nightjar*	<i>Caprimulgus ruficollis</i>	1	2	2 together!

Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	3	60	Gibraltar
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	3	8	
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	7	12	
Common/Pallid Swift	<i>Apus apus/pallidus</i>	x	x	Doñana/Ebro
Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	4	28	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	4	350	
Western Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	3	7	
Eurasian Thick-knee/Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>	4	42	Best views Belchite
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	4	80	Doñana/Ebro
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	3	40	Ebro/low #s
Eurasian Oystercatcher*	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	1	2	
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	3	15	La Serena/Ebro
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	3	20	
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	4	10	Doñana/Ebro
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	3	350	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	6	150	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1	1	Ebro roadside
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	1	1	Ebro ricefield
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	2	6	Doñana/Ebro
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	2	25	Exit 666/Ebro tower
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	2	12	
Red Knot*	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	1	1	Salt pans Doñana
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	4	60	Amazing looks Ebro
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	3	35	Great looks Doñana
Temminck's Stint*	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	2	9	Ebro sod fields/pools!
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	3	40	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	3	24	Most young birds
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	4	35	First in Doñana
Pectoral Sandpiper* (rare US migrant)	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	2	4	Ebro shorebird pools
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	4	24	Great looks Ebro pool
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	8	10	Most rice field channels
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	7	6	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	2	6	Ebro
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	3	12	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	3	70	Ebro shorebird pools
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	3	20	
Marsh Sandpiper* (UC migrant)	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	2	1	Ebro shorebird pools!!
Red-necked Phalarope* (rare migrant)	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	1	1	Doñana Salt pans
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	2	54	Ebro shorebird pools
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	2	50	Exit 666 and Ebro
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	5	1200	Hordes in the Ebro
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	2	12	Great looks in Ebro
Audouin's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus audouinii</i>	3	20	Great looks in Ebro
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	5	1000s	Ebro
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	3	500+	Ebro
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	2	2	
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	2	3	Shorebird Pools, Ebro

Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	2	15	Ebro
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	2	2	Ebro
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	3	16	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	2	5	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	4	50	
Cory's (Scopoli's) Shearwater	<i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	1	1	IMA (Trafico) overlook
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	6	7	1 st at Huelva Grande
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	5	500+	
Northern Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	1	2	CIMA (Trafico) overlook
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	6	15	
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	1	1	Ebro Salt pans bayside
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	2	1	
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	12	500+	Ebro roost!
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	3	60	Ebro roost!
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	8	500+	Ebro roost!
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	9	130	
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	7	50	
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	4	120+	Ebro roost!
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	3	50	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	6	15000	Flying across the sunset in Ebro!
<u>Northern Bald Ibis</u>*	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	1	33!	1 perched on building!
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	5	30	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	3	2	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1	2	
Bearded Vulture* (Lammergeier)	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	2	3	
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	3	2	Wow! Perched/ in flight/ and in France
European Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	1	3200+	Incredible flight at Huelva Grande
Cinereous Vulture (Black)	<i>Aegyptius monachus</i>	5	8	Perched at Monfrague!
<u>Ruppell's Griffon</u>* (rare African migrant)	<i>Gyps rueppelli</i>	1	1	Huelva Grande overhead
Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	13	500	Mountain Roost/nesting area
Short-toed Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	12	7	Common
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>	10	5	At least two dark birds
Spanish Eagle	<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	2	1	
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	2	1	
Bonelli's Eagle*	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	3	3	Beautiful
Eurasian Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	12	40	Great looks! Lovely birds
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	4	5	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	3	2	1 st at Trafico overlook
Northern Goshawk*	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	1	1	Belchite Steppes. Flew by waterhole
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	3	11	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	4	20	5 migrating to Africa
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	12	30	Very common
<i>Common x Long-legged Buzzard</i>	<i>Buteo buteo x rufinus hybrid</i>	1	1	Huelva Grande
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	2	4	Great look on rocks
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	6	12	With Little Owls on fence
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	6	5	Great look from blind
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	6	500+	Migrant swirls, Tarifa Area!

European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	1	2	Good look on pole
Eurasian Wryneck*	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	1	1	Fantastic looks in bush, Bellen Plains
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	2	3	Great looks at hotel, Monfrague
Eurasian Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	1	2	Circled us, but only quick glimpses
Black Woodpecker*	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>	3	1	Heard well/seen by some flying
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	6	30	Seen well on fences in grasslands
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	13	12	
<i>Lesser/Eurasian Kestrel</i>	<i>Falco naumanni/tinnunculus</i>	x	x	
Merlin*	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	1	1	Flyby over the bay in the Ebro
Eurasian Hobby*	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	1	1	Roadside flyby in Guara Mountains
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1	1	Castle overlook at Monfrague (adult)
Monk Parakeet	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	x	x	Sevella, pre-trip
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1	4	Sevella
Iberian (Southern) Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	2	6	Serena Steppes area
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	5	6	
<i>Red-backed Shrike</i>	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1	1	Nice look at young bird on fence Roncal
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	2	1	Flyby at the overlook Monfrague /twice
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	6	4	Great look at Juan de la Pena (pond)
Iberian Magpie	<i>Cyanopica cooki</i>	5	37	Noisy flocks
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	11	30	Beautiful birds
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	5	250	Great looks on ground in France
Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	2	110	Great looks by roosting tunnel
Eurasian Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	6	500+	Big flocks in Vejer de la Frontera area
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	6	35	Best looks in Hecho valley area
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	10	20	
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	4	30	Belchite Steppes
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	4	100	Great look at on hilltop Belchite Steppes
Dupont's Lark*	<i>Chersophilus duponti</i>	1	7	Heard many; great looks at 1 on bush!!
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Alaudala rufescens</i>	2	50	Belchite Steppes on the road
Wood Lark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	1	2	Nice looks in pasture at Monfrague
Thekla's Lark	<i>Galerida theklae</i>	6	6	
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	9	30	Quite common
<i>lark sp.</i>	<i>Alaudidae sp.</i>	x	x	
Bank Swallow (Sand Martin)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	6	40	Many mixed in with Barn Swallows/Ebro
Eurasian Crag-Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	8	50	Around most towns and cliffs
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	12	1Mil	Uncountable numbers in the Ebro
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	6	12	Nice looks in a few places – Monfrague
Common House-Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	11	150	In the eaves at Vejer de la Frontera
Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>	3	4	Best looks in Gabardito Valley/Hecho
Crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes cristatus</i>	3	6	Best looks in Gabardito Valley/Hecho
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	2	4	Best looks in Gabardito Valley/Hecho
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	7	6	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	9	12	
Eurasian Penduline-Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	1	4	Nice look at tower at sunset l'Embut
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	4	7	Nice looks in dead snag by Avadavats
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	7	6	Nice looks during walk at Monfrague
Wallcreeper*	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	1	2	Incredible views of preening bird! Hecho

Short-toed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	6	10	Many nice looks. 2 on walk at Monfrague
Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	4	2	Heard occasionally/ Nice look Gabardito
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	1	2	Great looks, finally of feeding birds
Common Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	4	3	First look at Huelva Grande in big tree
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	7	12	Great looks above reservoir in bush
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	8	15	Commonly seen in roadside vegetation
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	2	2	Heard. Seen briefly by some
<i>Phylloscopus sp.</i>	<i>Phylloscopus sp.</i>	X	X	
W. Olivaceous (Isabelline) Warbler	<i>Iduna opaca</i>	1	1	Heard only at La Janda along ditch
Melodious Warbler	<i>Hippolais polyglotta</i>	1	1	Seen well on walk from hotel Monfrague
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	2	22	Common in the Ebro reed beds
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	2	1	Not seen every trip/Great look from blind
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	7	1	Common in the rice fields
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	3	8	Nice looks Lammergeier stop Anso Valley
Subalpine Warbler	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	5	5	Best looks in bushes Loarre Castle
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	8	1	Striking birds. Long tails. Seen well
Greater Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	1	5	Female in bushes at Loarre Castle
Spectacled Warbler*	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	1	1	Belchite area
Dartford Warbler	<i>Sylvia undata</i>	2	4	Cavorting with other warblers at Loarre
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	6	2	Inconspicuous but around a lot
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	5	8	Best looks in Pyrenees/Gabardito
Bluethroat*	<i>Luscinia Svecica</i>	1	1	Seen well but briefly on Rd from SEO blind
European Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	5	3	Best looks in Pyrenees/Gabardito
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	4	3	Nice looks on fences Anso/ Roncal Valleys
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	5	10	Great looks in the Pyrenees
Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	6	4	First in Tiros Mountains La Serena
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	7	28	
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	7	8	1st at La Janda. In rice fields/grasslands First in La Janda
Black Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe leucura</i>	1	2	Pair cliff in town Benquerencia de la Serena
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	5	6	First in la Serena area
Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	10	12	Common in woodlots
(Mistle Thrush)	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1	1	
Red Avadavat (I)	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	1	8	High on hillside upper Hecho. F & C only
Common Waxbill (I)	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	1	4	
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	3	12	Ebro Delta area
Spotless Starling	<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>	12	350	
<i>European/Spotless Starling</i>	<i>Sturnus vulgaris/unicolor</i>	X	X	
(Dunnock)	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	1	1	
Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	3	24	Seen only by Frank and Cristian in France
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	7	3000	Nice looks along the river in Pyrenees
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	8	8	Ebro roost at sunset
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	5	2	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	3	5	On the ground below the overlook Trafico
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	2	7	Nice looks in trees in park by beach/ Ebro
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	7	30	In upper Hecho Valley
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	1	4	Seen well in many places
(European Bullfinch)	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	1	1	Quick glimpses in oaks going to Zalmea
European Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	1	2	Seen by Christian only in Upper Hecho Heard in the pines at Belchite ruins

Eurasian Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	4	7	Nice Looks at la Janda feeding in weeds
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	11	26	Nice Looks at La Janda and elsewhere
Citril Finch*	<i>Carduelis citrinella</i>	2	5	Incredible looks perched on bush Hecho
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	5	8	Nice looks perched in France & elsewhere
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	7	8	Upper Hecho Valley. Nice looks at male
Cirl Bunting	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	2	1	Heard only (Ebro)
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	1	250	Many in la Janda
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	3	7	Great looks at Monfrague overlook
Reed Bunting* (very local/rare)	<i>Emberiza Schoeniclus</i>	1	1	Great looks at a male from the tower/Ebro
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	12	500+	
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	3	8	Best looks at La Janda
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	3	1	Single birds. One at Avadavat stop.
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	1	2	2 at the waterhole Belchite steppes
Mammals				
Red Deer	<i>Podarcis hispanicus</i>	2	6	Asleep in a Cave near Vadiello
Wild Boar	<i>Uromastyx acanthinurus</i>			
Red Fox	<i>Acanthodactylus erythrurus</i>	1	1	
Red Squirrel	<i>Hemidactylus turcicus</i>	2	1	Hecho Valley
Yellow-bellied (Alpine) Marmot	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	2	1	Upper Hecho Valley
Iberian Hare	<i>Psammotromus algirus</i>	1	12	
European Cottontail	<i>Mauremys caspica</i>	2	9	Monfrague at dinner both nights
Large Bat Sp.	<i>Natrix maura</i>	2	2	
	<i>Pelophylax perez</i>	2	12	
Reptiles				
Iberian Wall Lizard				Extramadura Eagle Owl stop
Moroccan Night Gecko				Vejer de la Frontera on walls
Spiny-toed Lizard				Belchite area walking for Spectacled warb
Mediterranean Gecko				Vejer de la Frontera on walls
Rock Lizard (Common Wall)				Gabardito
Large psalmodromus (sand racer)				1 of lizards at Extramadura Eagle Owl stop
Caspian (Stiped-necked) Turtle				In the ponds in the Doñana
Viberine Snake.				Ebro along ditch near the frog
Perez's Frog				Ebro in the ditch

220 total bird species, of which:

2 were only detected by others (Red-knobbed Coot, Mistle Thrush)

3 were seen or heard too poorly to count (Sedge Warbler, Tawny Pipit, Rock Sparrow)

1 was introduced and not really countable (Northern Bald Ibis)

1 was likely escaped and not really countable (Mute Swan)

1 is uncertain (Eurasian Treecreeper, *Certhia familiaris*; I think so but Jaume thinks not) I agree with you as does Steve Bird

2 were heard-only but I will count as such (Tawny Owl, Dupont's Lark)

several were better-view-desired but identifiable (e.g., Green Woodpecker, Hobby, Wood Lark....)

2 were only during our time in Barcelona and Seville before the official group trip (Rose-ringed Parakeet, Common Waxbill)

NOTE: Frequencies in 3rd column above are percentages for ALL of SPAIN, averaged across last quarter of August and first half of September



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